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Britain's Prime Minister-elect Liz Truss meets Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral Castle in Ballater, Scotland on Tuesday | AP | PTI

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First river water treaty in 25 yrs

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA and Bangladesh on Tuesday made some progress in the contentious river water sharing issue by signing their first accord over one river after 25 years, during the meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi had with his visiting counterpart Sheikh Hasina.

The pact was signed on sharing the Kushiyara, one of the 54 rivers that pass through both borders. Hasina brought up the pending Teesta river treaty during the talks, but it would be addressed at a later date.

Kushiyari was among the seven MoUs signed by both sides. They also decided to jointly face terrorist and fundamentalist forces that threaten to attack mutual trust. "It's imperative that we together face the forces that are adversarial to us," Modi said.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra termed counter-terrorism and radicalisation as an obstacle and security threat to bilateral ties, adding the two leaders held comprehensive talks on how to improve cooperation on them.

Bangladesh is India's biggest development and trade partner on the subcontinent with bilateral trade reaching $18 billion.

"Across Asia, India is the biggest market for exports from Bangladesh. To further expedite this progress, we will soon initiate discussions on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA)," Modi added. Kwatra said the CEPA is expected by 2026, by which time Bangladesh would be upgraded as a developing country.

Both leaders held comprehensive talks on the increasing Chinese presence in Bangladesh. "Discussions between the two leaders have been comprehensive. In this context there is a clear common understanding that the strategic priorities of the relationship of the two countries, interests and concerns of India, and interests and priorities of Bangladesh are all factored in our cooperative matrix of engagement," the foreign secretary said.

Hasina underlined that India is the most important and closest neighbour of Bangladesh and their bilateral relations are role models for neighbourhood diplomacy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina in New Delhi on Tuesday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Last water accord in 1996

The pact on Kushiyara river will benefit people in south Assam and Sylhet division of Bangladesh

"There are 54 rivers. As long as Prime Minister Modi is here, India and Bangladesh will resolve all these issues," Hasina said

Both sides hoped pacts for other rivers would be signed soon

The previous river water treaty on sharing the Ganga was signed way back in 1996 for a period of 30 years

The Teesta water sharing pact was to be clinched in 2011 but West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee spiked it

Bangla looking for Russian oil via India

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

BANGLADESH is trying to buy cheap oil from Russia to reduce its crude bill and possibly routing the shipment via India.

"Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation is in talks with Rosneft to import crude at discounted rates of $59 a barrel as against the global market price that is creeping towards $100. Since Bangladesh doesn't have the technology to refine Russian crude, it may turn to India for help," said sources.

At present, Bangladesh has a long-term contract with India to import refined crude oil from the Numaligarh refinery in Assam. Besides, it has given the green light to Indian Oil Corporation Limited for exporting refined petroleum products.

An under-construction cross-border 131.57 km friendship oil pipeline is expected to be ready by year-end, which will make fuel supplies seamless. Around 125 km of the pipeline has already been laid. It will connect Siliguri, West Bengal and Parbatipur, Dinajpur. The cost of the pipeline is around ₹500 crore, of which nearly ₹300 crore is being provided by India. Of the total length of the pipeline, 126.50 km is inside Bangladesh.

"This pipeline will ensure uninterrupted fuel supply to 16 districts in Bangladesh of Rangpur and Rajshahi and would be cost effective," said sources.

FACE OF B'LURU IN MOTHER NATURE'S ARMS

A woman and her baby being rescued from Kadugodi in Bengaluru East | FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Do you know how many MLAs and MPs of Karnataka have real estate businesses? 26 out of 28 MLAs of Bengaluru are into real estate

- Divya Spandana, Congress social media in-charge

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Blame game begins as Bengaluru floods kill 1

23-year-old electrocuted trying to take support of electric pole

Govt, Oppn locked in mud slinging

Even before the water receded from parts of Bengaluru, the ruling and opposition parties are engaged in a blame game. While CM pointed fingers at previous Congress regime, the opposition asked what his government has been doing for 3 years.

Help pours in

For those suffering the aftermath of the heavy rain and flooding in the city, here are some groups that are lending a helping hand. And for those willing to volunteer, here's how you can.

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MOHAMMED YACOOB & MANJU SHETTAR @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU'S heavy rain and the flood horror snuffed out a young woman's life late Monday night on the flooded Varthur Road in Whitefield even as severe inundation continued in south and south-east parts of Bengaluru on day two of continued miseries for residents, commuters and denizens of the affected parts of a much-touted 'global city'.

Despite the magnitude of the problem faced by the state capital — also billed as the 'IT Capital of India' — Tuesday witnessed blame game being resorted to at every level, right from the civic authorities over the young woman's death to the chief minister blaming the previous Congress government for the present mess, mainly due to inadequate infrastructure and poor city planning.

A 23-year-old woman, **Akhila S**, was electrocuted on Varthur Road near Mayura Bakery in Whitefield at about 9.30 pm on Monday while returning home late from her work at a school in BEML Layout where she worked as administrative staff. Delayed due to heavy rain, Akhila, a resident of Siddapura, started for home from the school on her two-wheeler, but lost her balance and fell on the flooded road.

While trying to get up, she took support of an electric pole, got electrocuted, and died while passersby were trying to take her to the hospital. P2, 5

Minister Katti dies of heart failure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FOOD and Civil Supplies and Forest Minister Umesh Katti passed away after suffering a massive heart attack here on Tuesday night. He was 61.

Earlier in the night, he had collapsed in the toilet of his residence at Dollars Colony. When he did not come out for some time, his family members went in, saw him lying on the floor and rushed him to MS Ramaiah Hospital.

UMESH KATTI 1961-2022

He was admitted to the ICU, where he breathed his last, according to family sources.

He is survived by his wife Sheela, son Nikhil and daughter Sneha.

Born on June 6, 1961, he was an eight-time MLA from Hukkeri in Belagavi district. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who was on night rounds of Benglauru, cut it short and rushed to the hospital. P4

EXPRESS READ

Use of Kannada now mandatory at all govt events across state

Bengaluru: After receiving flak from various quarters over not using Kannada in government programmes, the state government has issued a circular mandating the use of Kannada at all official events. The circular, issued by Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, pointed out that using Kannada should become a priority and not an option.

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